

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

CLAIMS 1-11 (CANCELED).

CLAIM 12 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): An axle bolt for an axle that is structured to be rotatably fitted within a bottom bracket of a bicycle frame and coupled to a crank arm so that the axle and the crank arm rotate as a unit relative to the bottom bracket as the bicycle is pedaled, wherein the axle has an inner peripheral surface, wherein the axle bolt comprises:

a bolt body having a threaded outer peripheral surface and an inner peripheral surface defining an opening;

wherein the threaded outer peripheral surface is dimensioned to fit screw within the inner peripheral surface of the axle to fasten the axle bolt so that the axle bolt rotates together with the axle during pedaling;

a plurality of splines circumferentially disposed on the inner peripheral surface of the bolt body; and

a flange extending radially outwardly from the bolt body.

CLAIM 13 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 12 wherein the flange is positioned at an end of the bolt body.

CLAIM 14 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 13 wherein the plurality of splines are positioned at the end of the bolt body.

CLAIM 15 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 14 wherein the flange has a knurled outer peripheral surface.

CLAIM 16 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 15 wherein each of the plurality of splines comprises an arcuate projection.

CLAIM 17 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 16 wherein there is exactly eight splines.

CLAIM 18 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 12 wherein the plurality of splines are positioned at an end of the bolt body.

CLAIM 19 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 12 wherein the flange has a knurled outer peripheral surface.

CLAIM 20 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 12 wherein there is exactly eight splines.

CLAIM 21 (ORIGINAL): The bolt according to claim 12 wherein each of the plurality of splines comprises an arcuate projection.

CLAIMS 22-34 (CANCELED).